

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Greenways and Trails Program

2006 Recreational Trails Grants; Project Summaries

Non-Motorized

Town of Concord

Emerson Thoreau Amble - Bay Circuit Greenway

This project proposes the creation of a .5 mile foot trail including bridge crossing the Mill Brook. This should complete Phase 2 of the Emerson - Thoreau Amble, a trail connecting two popular conservation areas and two major trail networks. The Amble would relocate a portion of the Bay Circuit Trail and provide a walking path entirely within fields and woods from Concord Village Center to Walden Pond.

Grant Awarded \$4,800.00 *Match* \$6,700.00

Deerfield River Watershed Association

South River Bridge Project, Mahican-Mohawk Greenway

The 8 mile section of the Mohican-Mohawk (a part of a larger trail system to link the Connecticut and the Hudson Rivers) is presently obstructed by the South River in Conway. We have plans for a fiberglass footbridge using the stone piers in the bottom of the river which once carried a railroad bridge across this canyon.

Grant Awarded \$10,000.00 *Match* \$60,975.00

Historic O'Neil Farm

Autumn Avenue Trail

This project will result in the construction of 5000' walking trail on northerly portions of the farm property including stream crossing, signage, fencing and kiosk. Trail will be used in conjunction with 3720' trail being constructed on southerly portion of the farm. Trail will provide public access to operating dairy farm and from habitat.

Grant Awarded \$25,000.00 *Match* \$25,000.00

Lexington Bicycle Advisory Committee

Lexington conservation Land Improvements

This project is the fourth in a series undertaken by the Lexington Bicycle Advisory Committee to enhance and extend the system of unpaved paths throughout Lexington. It proposes to improve trails in Lower Vine Brook and Meagherville conservation areas by constructing 7 new and 1 replacement bridges spanning 711'. In addition, we will invest in a brush mower to increase the productivity of volunteers clearing overgrown trails.

Grant Awarded \$10,920.00 *Match* \$14,238.00

Milton Parks Department

Turner's Pond Accessibility Project: An All Persons Trail Around Turner's Pond

We will develop and all persons trail around Turner's pond. The trail will permit access to open space by able bodied and disabled residents. Improvements of the trail will permit its use as a path to school by children.

Grant Awarded \$50,000.00 *Match* \$138,650.

TTOR - Quabbin

Tully Trail Stewardship and Enhancement Project

This project will correct drainage issues, improve trail surfaces and replace the bridge over Falls Brook. There will be improvements to the parking area at the Royalston Falls' Newton Cemetery entrance. Finally, trail maps / guides will be printed and informational and interpretive signage will be installed along the Tully Trail.

Grant Awarded \$7,500.00 *Match* \$11,096.00

Massachusetts Audubon Society

Holdredge Trail: All Persons Improvement Project

This project will replace a portion of the Holdredge Trail with a gently-graded trail leading from the rear of our Conservation Center down to the trail system. This is the first step of a larger project to provide all persons access to over 2487' of continuous, accessible trails that will start at our accessible Conservation Center. The eventual connections with trails beyond our 400 acres, including the Blackstone River Bikeway, will extend our recreational and educational services far beyond our sanctuary's borders.

Grant Awarded \$25,000.00 *Match* \$42,500.00

Town of Greenfield

Highland Park / Temple Woods Trail Improvement Project

This project will result in improvements to the Highland Park / Temple Woods Trail system. Improvements include mapping trails, improving signage, maintaining trails to be more accessible in the winter, correcting erosion problems and installing kiosks. Improvements will enhance way finding and trail safety, and emphasize natural and historic importance, and promote year-round recreation.

Grant Awarded \$5,509.00 *Match* \$1,700.00

Town of Belmont Conservation

Western Greenway - Rock Meadows

This project includes the maintenance, improvement and enhancement of the Rock Meadow, a 70 acre holding within the Western Greenway trail system. Specific tasks include: maintenance and improvement of approximately 2 miles of existing trails; reconstruction of a bridge linking public lands on the Metropolitan State Hospital campus; purchase of a brush cutter to maintain and restore the character of the meadow; mapping and signage to facilitate passage and miscellaneous landscaping improvements.

Grant Awarded \$18,930.00 *Match* \$13,000.00

TTOR - Appleton Farms

Appleton Farms Grass Rides - Bay Circuit & Discover Hamilton Loop

This project will create a new, one-mile loop trail off the Bay Circuit and Discover Hamilton public Trails systems on the Appleton Farms Grass Rides Reservation in Hamilton. The trail will recreate a heavily used former connector that had to be abandoned because of development.

Grant Awarded \$4,200.00 *Match* \$4,270.00

Southwick Conservation Commission

Liken Trail Restoration at Sofinowski Preserve

This project will improve the quality of the 1.6 mile Linken Trail at the Sofinowski Preserve in Southwick. Bark mulch will be applied to muddy portions of the trail, the trailhead will be restored with vegetation clearing, and woody growth removed from a meadow located on the trail. These enhancements will increase the trail usage and allow seniors, children and other less experienced hikers to enjoy the trail throughout the season.

Grant Awarded \$1,650.00 *Match* \$1,050.00

Lake Mansfield Alliance / GB Land

Great Barrington Town Forest Trail and Greenway Project

This project will provide for the redesign and development of trails in a 29 acre forest under the jurisdiction of the GBLC. These revised trails will provide pedestrian access from neighborhood areas and downtown to a key community natural resource, Lake Mansfield beach and park. The project will bring together several community organizations in accomplishing goals stated in the current GB Master Plan and GB OSRP, helping to move the town forward in establishing a network of pedestrian trails and walks.

Grant Awarded \$8,000.00 *Match* \$20,654.00

Town of Acton - DNR

Bay Circuit Greenway Accessible Viewing Platform Trail

This project will create a level and dry trail to access a wildlife viewing platform on the Nashoba Brook. This will be a new trail development on newly acquired land that will be used by trail users of the Bay Circuit Trail, the future Bruce Freeman Trail, and a neighborhood assisted living residence. The trail will be constructed of Geotextile Trail Stabilization materials with a natural stone dust surface.

Grant Awarded \$6,900.00 *Match* \$14,200.00

Town of Leverett

Brushy Mountain Trails

This project proposes to trails and views for the use of a 53 acre parcel of land located behind the Elementary School and Library. This project will connect the school and library to this property and to the Metacomet-Monadnock Trail.

Grant Awarded \$9,694.00 *Match* \$2,648.00

Dorchester Bay Economic Development

Geneva Cliffs Trail and Nature Sanctuary Project

This project will construct a new interpretive walking trail and nature sanctuary through the 79217sf Geneva Cliffs Urban Wild in Dorchester. This site is owned by the City of Boston and managed through the Urban Wild Initiative which unfortunately has limited resources. For years, the site has suffered from neglect, overgrowth, dumping, and effective invisibility to the low and moderate income diverse, minority community residents. This project will put Geneva Cliffs "on the map" as a wonderful destination for environmental education, recreation and passive enjoyment by children, families, seniors and

Match \$150,000.

Grant Awarded \$45,000.00

Holliston Conservation Associates

Rees Conservation Trail Boardwalk

Construction of our boardwalk will complete a self-guided trail we developed two years ago. The boardwalk will span a cranberry bog, providing we month access to townspeople and especially teachers and school children who actively use our trail for teaching and science projects.

Grant Awarded \$1,000.00 *Match* \$1,600.00

Town of Northfield

Protection of Brush Mountain Conservation Area and M&M Greenway Corridor

This project will result in the purchase of Brush Mt conservation area, which will preserve access to a key section of the M&M Trail, a scenic summit and an important trail head for the M&M Trail on a 46 acre parcel threatened by development. This section of the M&M is one of the most heavily traveled and is a favorite of both Northfield residents and area hikers. With town ownership of the land, the Berkshire Chapter of the AMC will be able to restore the M&M to its original location.

Grant Awarded \$36,000.00 *Match* \$93,000.00

Summary for Non-Motorized Projects (17 detail records)	Amount Awarded	30.13%	\$270,103.00
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Diverse / Non-Motorized

Nashua River Watershed Association

Squannacook River Greenway Rail Trail

The Squannacook River Rail Trail Committee requests this grant to fund a project design and engineering study for a proposed rail trail in Townsend. The SRRT is one of four rail trails in our congressional district designated for funding under SAFETEA-LU. Before Townsend can apply for the earmarked construction funds, the mandatory study must be completed by a professional civil engineering firm

Grant Awarded \$20,000.00 *Match* \$5,000.00

Topsfield Rail Trail Committee

Topsfield Linear Common Greenway trail phase 1

The project will result in the development of Phase 1 of the TLC - approximately .5 miles of recreational trail on land owned by the Town of Topsfield, Woodland Asset (with easement) and MBTA (under lease to the town). The trail will be constructed using a combination of stone dust and existing pavement. The trail will serve a wide variety of recreational trail uses.

Grant Awarded \$40,000.00 *Match* \$12,500.00

New England Equestrian Land

Davenport Trail Equestrian Project

This project will result in the clearing and installation of culverts on the Davenport trail within the New England Equestrian Center of Athol park to accommodate the safe use of horses, horse carts, mountain bikes and maintenance vehicles.

Grant Awarded \$4,500.00 *Match* \$3,300.00

Belchertown Land Trust

Recreation Path Upgrade; Jackson Street to Route 202

The upgrade of this section of the BLT Recreational Path would begin with a survey to establish clear boundaries and prevent encroachments on abutting properties. Trees and brush will be cleared, stumps removed and the rail bed graded to create an 8' wide, 2500' long path. A culvert will need to be repaired to prevent trail washouts and a 100-200' hedge planting will be installed to screen neighboring residences from trail traffic.

Grant Awarded \$4,600.00 *Match* \$1,630.00

Harwich Conservation Trust

Island Pond Loop Trail

This project is to create and enhance trails the provide access to 74 acres of conservation land from the Cape Cod Rail Trail in Harwich. This grant proposal seeks to fund trail creation, physical improvements including erosion control as well as creation of an informational trailhead display and guide. This project will continue a valuable public-private partnership that connects trails across land owned by the state, town and HCT.

Grant Awarded \$6,500.00 *Match* \$13,816.00

City of Somerville

Somerville Community Path Storm Drainage Project

This project will address the lack of drainage on a section of the existing Somerville Community Path that compromises the integrity of the pavement and electrical wiring, and diminishes the quality of passage for Path users, especially after a rainfall. Specifically, the project proposes to re-grade, install drywell and landscape the Path between Willow and Cedar Streets. These improvements will effectively eliminate further deterioration of this section, alleviate increasingly costly maintenance efforts and improve the quality of the experience on this section of the Path for all users.

Grant Awarded \$9,900.00 *Match* \$2,500.00

TTOR - Notchview

Notchview Four-Season Trail Program

The project will improve drainage and trail surfaces within the Notchview Trail 40km system. The work will increase trail access throughout the year. Trail work will solve design problems and help accommodate increasing public demand.

Grant Awarded \$20,000.00 *Match* \$12,160.00

Town of Salisbury

Salisbury Point Ghost Trail Extension Project

The project will extend the Salisbury Point Ghost Trail from its current terminus at Cushing Street to Lion's Park, Salisbury's main recreational facility, and to Salisbury's Old Eastern Marsh Trail, that runs south to Newburyport and north to New Hampshire and is part of the Board to Boston and the East Coast Greenway. The extension is an essential link in the developing Coastal Trails Network that will link Amesbury, Newbury, Newburyport and Salisbury. The extension includes 1133 feet of gravel trail on an abandoned rail bed and 1350 feet of new gravel trail through mature woodlands.

Grant Awarded \$50,000.00

Match

City of Lawrence - Community

Spicket River Greenway

This project will result in the Procurement of survey documents of the land adjacent to both banks of Lawrence's 2.5 mile stretch of the Spicket River to be furnished by a Landscape architect / engineering team for the development of a non-motorized multi-use trail that connects parks and nodes along the developing Spicket River Greenway. Groundwork Lawrence will manage all aspects of the project. Remainder of funds will be used for design development along the river where near-term construction is deemed most feasible.

Grant Awarded \$30,000.00 *Match* \$10,000.00

Charles River Cutler Park Protection

Cutler Park Reservation Boardwalk Extension

Three hundred additional feet are to be added to an existing boardwalk that was constructed in 2000. The addition is necessary to bridge a gap over wet soil which impedes safe and comfortable passage through the trail system.

Grant Awarded \$11,300.00 *Match* \$2,825.00

Wachusett Greenways

Wachusett Greenways Mass Central Rail Trail - Rutland Oakham

We will construct a 1.35 mile segment of the Mass Central Rail Trail in Rutland and Oakham which will open a 4 mile continuous stretch. The new section will run from the Route 122 / Midstate Trail intersection west to a short connector to Route 122 access from Old Turnpike Road in Oakham. Then Wachusett Greenways will have completed more than 13 miles of our planned 30-mile mid-section of the 104-mile Mass Central Rail Trail.

Grant Awarded \$50,000.00 *Match* \$50,864.00

Hopkinton Area Land Trust

North Mill Greenway Trail Project

The project will result in the open space design, development and stewardship of a new trail system, approximately one mile in length, in an area of town called North Mill. The project will design and construct a walking, hiking, cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing through the North Mill neighborhood. This greenway will provide public access and promote environmental education and awareness.

Grant Awarded \$3,000.00 *Match* \$1,600.00

Friends of Keystone Arches

Keystone Arch Trail Sign

This project will result in the completion of a four sign series along the Keystone Arches Trail. The history and hazards of this remote area are complex and multi-faceted. This sign in particular, is vital to the safe enjoyment of this fascinating realm.

Grant Awarded \$350.00 *Match* \$4,650.00

City of Newburyport

Newburyport Harborwalk Extension

This project will significantly expand Newburyport's trail along the Merrimack River by constructing a new boardwalk connecting Cashman Park with the Clipper City Rail Trail and Newburyport's central waterfront. This new boardwalk will be a linchpin piece of trail infrastructure, making a physical connection between 2000' of existing Merrimack River Trail and 6000' of Clipper City Rail Trail currently under design, plus Newburyport's waterside west district and 1500' of celebrated waterfront boardwalk (plus another 10000' of planned boardwalk and rail trail). The boardwalk will also provide a physical connection between the \$50,000.00 *Match* \$260,000. developing Border to Boston and Merrimack River regional trail systems which meet at this point.

Grant Awarded

Summary for Diverse / Non-Motorized Projects (14 detail records)

Amount Awarded

33.48%

\$300,150.00

Diverse / Multi-Use

East Quabbin Land Trust

Ware River Greenway Rail Trail (Mass Central)

The EQLT is working on the creation of the Ware River Rail Trail, a 3.2 mile trail in Hardwick, New Braintree and Ware that follows the old Mass Central rail line and the Ware River. Creation of this trail is essential to building lasting community connections through greenway conservation and improved recreational opportunities. Federal funds are committed for trail improvements, but financial support from RTP is crucial for acquisition of the rail bed.

Grant Awarded \$50,000.00 *Match* \$961,000.

Sudbury Valley Trustees

Sudbury River Boater's Trail

This proposal is for the creation of a boater's trail on the Wild and Scenic portions of the Sudbury River. The trail would be created on the web with maps and guidance downloadable. Interpretive displays will be produced at well visited access points.

Grant Awarded \$8,500.00 *Match* \$2,820.00

Summary for Diverse / Multi-Use Projects (2 detail records)

Amount Awarded

6.53%

\$58,500.00

Motorized

SAM - Mill Valley Snowmobile Club

Sustain Trail Development - Mass Central Greenway

This project will improve the maintenance of snowmobile trails in Belchertown during the "snow" season. This project seeks to upgrade trail safety and the trail equipment in Belchertown. Specifically, the project will 1) enhance signage and condition of the trails for users, 2) improve conditions of trails by adding fill and drainage, and 3) allow for purchase of one grooming sled to groom on our trail system.

Grant Awarded \$12,348.00 ***Match*** \$3,200.00

Western Mass ATV Association

Pittsfield SF and Alternate ORV Forests Trail Resurfacing

This project will improve ORV trail surface conditions primarily in Pittsfield State Forest and alternate ORV forests in Berkshire County, dependant of new DCR trail criteria. The project will include bulldozer work to re-grade trails and get water off the tread surface, install water bars and culverts, and bring in fill where needed. These multi-use trails are in dire need of major maintenance that has been neglected for 20 years.

Grant Awarded \$40,000.00 ***Match*** \$10,000.00

SAM - Berkshire SnoSeekers

Snowmobile and Trail Groomer Acquisition

We will purchase a used Tucker Sno Cat groomer to groom lengthy sections of connector and local snowmobile trails in and around October Mountain State Forests, the largest State Forest in Massachusetts. Benefits to snowmobilers include trail safety, comfort and interconnections with other club's trails. These trails are also used by cross-country skiers and provide links with local businesses such as Bucksteep Manor in Washington.

Grant Awarded \$48,000.00 ***Match*** \$12,000.00

King Philip Trail Riders

Forest Trail Maintenance Trailer

This project will involve the purchase of a maintenance trailer that will allow KPTR to transport and secure trail maintenance equipment throughout the F. Gilbert Hills Forest System. Trail maintenance projects will include building bridges, installing waterbars and general trail maintenance. The trailer is necessary to transport materials and supplies.

Grant Awarded \$6,200.00 ***Match*** \$7,440.00

SAM - Goshen Highlanders

Goshen Highlanders Trail Improvement Initiative

The club will purchase a new Skandic Groomer and Mogul Master Plan to better groom and maintain trail sin the DAR State Forest, Tilton Town Farm Recreation Land and Main Corridor in Goshen. The purchase of trail equipment will aid in clearing new and existing trails. Building materials will be used for restoration and replacement of bridges in disrepair.

Grant Awarded \$19,709.00 ***Match*** \$3,941.00

SAM - Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile

Trail Grooming and Maintenance Equipment

The club works to maintain miles of trails in Savoy, Windsor and Hawley State Forests. Funds will be used to purchase an RTV utility vehicle and allow fabrication of a mogul master drag. This vehicle will assist in maintenance and grooming, and will also haul out any trash and debris found within the state forests.

Grant Awarded \$26,036.00 ***Match*** \$5,207.00

Hilltown Snowmobile Club**Snowmobile Trail Improvement, Enhancement and Maintenance Project**

This project will provide general trail maintenance in Ashfield and Plainfield as well as improvement on a portion of Ford Road in Ashfield that is now a direct access route for Corridor 90 to the Dubuque State Forest. We propose signage at trailheads to publicize availability to motorized and non-motorized recreational activities. Lastly, we request the purchase of two "work style" Ski Doo Skandic Wide Track snowmobiles with drags to groom and maintain the trail system.

Grant Awarded \$13,500.00 *Match* \$7,177.00

SAM - Coldbrook Club**Gating, Grooming Expansion, and Groomer Purchase**

Our project is to continue support of the MOU that our club has with DCR to maintain and groom trails in the Otter River State Park. We will install access control gates in Otter River, move the Otter River groomer to Royalston, and purchase a new groomer for Otter River.

Grant Awarded \$50,000.00 *Match* \$14,390.00

Summary for Motorized Projects (8 detail records)

Amount Awarded

24.07%

\$215,793.00